



## Commanding Officer's Safety Policy Statement

Regarding safety, let's ensure we always think before we act so we can **Just Do Right!** Many unfortunate outcomes could easily be avoided if we would simply think things through prior to taking action. Whether it be your POV or a HMMWV, a motorcycle or extreme sport, I am depending on you to think first - then act.

Everything we do is constantly weighed on risk versus gain. Whether it be weekend liberty, a Stinger missile live fire exercise or bona fide combat operations, I implore you to integrate a thought process that will recognize the inherent danger, then take actions to mitigate the associated risks.

I'm counting on each member of the Battalion to weigh the cost with an eye towards safely accomplishing it. Although combat operations and safety seem to be a paradox, integrating safety considerations into every aspect of our lives has proven to be a combat multiplier. Let's take advantage of the tools we have been given such as Operational Risk Management (ORM), the Semper Ride Program and your 2d LAAD Battalion Arrive Alive Cards, to name a few.

Thank you for continuing to think things through prior to taking action. We all (Officers, SNCOs and NCOs to the most junior Marine) owe it to each other to accomplish every task, from the most mundane to the most dangerous, with an eye towards safety. ***I'm counting on your dedication and commitment to ensuring 2d LAAD Battalion fosters an environment abounding with safety integrated checks and balances while being able to deliver deadly fires in the air with GBAD or on the ground as a provisional infantry battalion.*** For further information and education, contact our Battalion's Safety Representative, SSgt Christopher Manigan, at DSN 582-5291 or (252) 466-5291.

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